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framework for the issue of rural development. I would argue with my colleague Senator Matzke. Cabela's is certainly an outstanding business and I would argue from what he's described that the incentive that brought Cabela's to...got them their start was something quite different than this. It was individualized. It was targeted. It was not sort of a broad-based replication of a program like LB 775. Again, I think we do rural Nebraska no favor by offering a program that doesn't work and I'm afraid that that's what LB 936 is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Raikes was right. I am right, in the sense of being correct. Both of us, that's the sense in which I mean being right. There are people who are hoping, but the hope is misplaced. Why cannot we be realistic and stop romanticizing and fantasizing and fooling ourselves and the public? I'd like to ask Senator Matzke a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, when they were pushing for all those other giveaway bills, when they pushed for LB 775, there was ConAgra poised to pounce. When they pushed for the Micron bill, whatever they called it, Micron supposedly was poised to pounce. When they pushed for the Caterpillar, the Caterpillar was ready to squiggle and wiggle right on into the picture. What business do you know of which is just waiting for the enactment of this bill to come in with an application?

SENATOR MATZKE: There's some interest in Imperial in a business that would be formed to market farm commodities. I don't know the details. I do have a letter from the people in Imperial. My understanding from Senator Baker is that there are people in Benkelman that are interested in doing this. This is not...this is not a ConAgra situation. There's nobody poised to jump in and...and get a largess out of this.